

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 remain in this application. Claims 1, 7, 9 14 and 15 have been amended and new claims 17-26 added by this amendment. Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 were rejected as anticipated by Erdogan et al. US 6,809,859 and claims 6 and 9 as obvious over Erdogan et al. in view of Salb US 5,408,996. Applicants submit that the claims as amended distinguish over these references.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the excitation filter unit has an ultraviolet cutoff filter formed on a base plate. Support for this limitation is found in page 6, lines 9-19 of the specification. Erdogan et al. disclose, for example, in claim 4, that material of the substrate is selected from the group consisting of colored or absorbing glass, transparent glass, and ultraviolet absorbing glass. Erdogan et al., however, fail to disclose or even remotely suggest an ultraviolet cutoff filter formed on a base plate as now claimed. Therefore, amended claim 1 is not anticipated by or obvious from Erdogan et al. and thus is allowable. Claims 3-16, which depend from claim 1, also are allowable. Nothing in Salb make up for this lack of teaching in Erdogan et al.

New claim 17 recites that the excitation filter unit has an infrared cutoff filter formed on a base plate. This is supported at page 6, lines 9-19 of the specification. New claim 18 recites that at least one of the excitation filter unit and the absorption filter unit has a filter that cuts off unwanted visible light and that is formed on a base plate. The support for this is found at page 6, lines 9-19 and page 7, lines 4-5 of the specification. Both of new claims 17 and 18 depend from claim 1, and should also be allowable.

The Examiner indicated that claims 2 and 10-16 would be allowable in independent form. New independent claim 19 corresponds to original claim 2 and thus is now in allowable condition. New claims 20-26 correspond to original claims 10-16, now dependent on claim 19 thus also are allowable.

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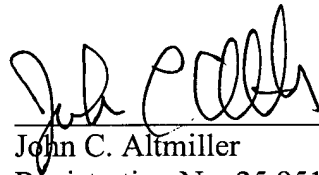
In view of the above, Applicants believe that all claims remaining in this application are in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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